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Torturing Rheumatism

Is no respecter of persons—the healthy and vigorous are as liable to its attacks as the weak.

The symptoms of the disease are almost unnoticed at first, so insidiously do they steal over the body; gradually the little pains and stiffness increase, until they develop greater inconvenience day by day.

The knees, ankles and other joints of the body, ache constantly, swelling to several times their natural size; the patient finds himself unable to get around—is soon incapacitated for business, and later is confined to his bed, utterly helpless.

It is not generally known that the usual treatment for Rheumatism is decidedly injurious to the system. The doctor is able to relieve the first touch of the disease, but with the return of cold, disagreeable weather, the pains become sharper, and more constant, the bones ache more severely, and the disease gradually, but surely, possesses the entire body.

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Mr. J. A. LeSeur, Atlanta's well-known architect, says:
"For years I have suffered with Sciatic Rheumatism and often felt as if a fragment of bombshell had passed through my left hip. I could get absolutely no relief, though many remedies were tried. After taking a few bottles of S. S. S., the disease grew less painful, and very soon disappeared entirely."

Mr. Frank T. Reynolds, of Rome, Ga., writes:
"I have suffered intensely with Muscular Rheumatism, which, at one time, kept me in bed for eighteen months. I took all kinds of treatment, and visited many famous springs, but could get only temporary relief. S. S. S. seemed to get at the disease promptly, and effected a permanent cure."

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WAR IS OFFICIALLY DECLARED.

Both The United States and Spain Agree to Hostilities.—Sherman and Roosvelt Resign.

LATE NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL.

New York, April 25—The Journal claims that the navy department has information that a Spanish fleet is on its way to the Atlantic coast.

Washington, April 25—The navy department has information that no American ships are now in danger on the sea for the reason that all the Spanish warships but one are in port and are being closely watched.

New York, April 25—The Paris is safe. The United States has thus far taken 8 Spanish prizes valued at $1,250,000, and so far as is positively known, not an American vessel has been captured.

Liverpool, April 25—John Sherwood & Co., one of the largest cotton firms in this city, failed this morning.

Washington, April 25—Spain has officially declared war and stiring times may be looked for.

Washington, April 25.—Congress declared war today. Bland introduced a bill for the issuance of $150,000,000 of treasury notes commonly called "green backs." The bill also declares that war has existed since April 21.

New York, April 25.—The United States will send an ultimatum to Portugal today asking her to define her position in the Spanish-American war. Portugal has given Spain privileges not allowed in time of war.

Key West, April 25.—The Spanish are firing on the American ships from the forts at Matanzas, but have failed to strike them so far. The U. S. ships have not returned the fire.

Washington, April 25.—Secretary Sherman will send in his resignation today.

Washington, April 25.—The Asiatic squadron has been ordered to sail to the Philipines and to attack the Spaniards and take possession of the islands immediately.

Washington, April 25.—Assistant Secretary Roosvelt has resigned to take a position with the New York volunteers.

New York, April 25,—The Times says a warship was sighted off Block Island, and is supposed to be the Columbia. She had on full steam and was on her way to Newport.

The application of the McKinney military company to Adjutant General Mabry was renewed again today by Senator Gough, who received a reply this evening to the effect that the application was under consideration.

WAR NOTES.

The revenue cutter Winona captured the Spanish steamer La Cumina at Ship Island, Sunday.

The United States Flag Ship Now York, chased and captured the Spanish ship Pedro. of Bibbal, off the coast of Cuba, Friday evening, April 22.

Emperor Nicholas and the Spanish Ambassador to St. Petersburg had a conference April 24. As a result it is held by well informed persons that Russia will support Spain in her Cuban difficulty.

Secretary Sherman says the insurgents will do the greater part of the fighting in Cuba for the present. He says they are better prepared, but that the United States would equip them.

The gunboat Wilmington captured the Spanish schooner, Canidia, with a deck load of charcoal for Havana, April 24. The torpedo boat Porter, captured the Spanish Antonio, laden with sugar the same date. The prizes were escorted to Key West.

The English consul, acting for and representing the United States has notified the City of Havana that it will be bombarded. No limit before the bombardment was to begin was named in the notice, which was given out Sunday, April 24.

Spain bulletins have officially announced the close of diplomatic relations with the United States.

England has declared coal contraband of war. This shuts Spanish warships out of British coaling stations.

The guns of Moro Castle opened upon the American fleet early Saturday morning, but without effect. The blockading fleet paid little attention to the cannonading which soon ceased.

Bishop Thomas Byrne of Nashville has issued a circular to all the clergy and laity of his diocese, ordering prayers to be offered in every church at daily mass for the welfare of our sailors and soldiers, for their success in battle and that complete victory may be granted by the God of battle. The language of the bishop is patriotic and stirring.

After a visit to relatives in McKinney Mrs. C. W. Parker and children departed last week on a visit to Mrs. Dr. Webster at San Antonio.

George Bradley, colored, died of fever in McKinney last week. He was an industrious negro and respected by the white people.

The members of Loyal Council No. 52, Jr. O. U. A. M., treated themselves to a banquet in their hall Friday night. Rev. J. W. Hill was toastmaster.

J. M. Forbes and family have removed from Thorp Springs, Hood county to Rector, Denton county. Mr. Forbes formerly was a resident of this county where he has many acquaintances.

Miss Josie Parker of this city closed her third term of school at Scalf School house last week. She treated the pupils with cream and cake and awarded several prizes.

THE DEMOCRAT has moved its business office into the front room over Joe Crouch's grocery store. The new office is just across the hall from the old office.

A drama, "The Yankee Detective" will be rendered tonight at Johnson school house by the Viney Grove and Stiffs Chapel Dramatic Club. This talent has given a performance of the drama on several occasions before, always with the best success. M. E. Howerton, Fred Owenby, George Straughan, Ed McGee, Clifford Wilson, Carson Straughan, Charles Southard, Joe Wilson, Gene and Lud Martin, Misses Ora Straughan, Cora Martin, Lula Martin, are the young gentlemen and ladies composing the company.

LOCAL NEWS

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

Mrs. Will Worsham visited relatives in Greenville recently.

Mrs. George B. Adams is visiting here from Greenville.

John Scott is now doing brickmason work in Farmersville.

Geo. Hardin came over from Farmersville Friday

Mrs. T. E. Grayham visited in Greenville Thursday.

Henry Warden is spending a few days in Denton.

Miss Fannie Bagley is visiting her sister Mrs. W. A. Sneed in Oak Cliff.

Dr. J. T. Taylor has disposed of his dentistry office, practice and good will to Dr. Hoard.

E. C. Forbes arrived home Friday from a trip to Hood county. Mrs. Forbes accompanied him.

Miss Emma Walden has returned from a visit to Wylie relatives.

Miss Annie Burrus is the guest of Mrs. C. A. Kirksey at Waxahachie.

Bascomb McKindree returned last week from a trip to his old home in Rockwall.

Editor R. H. Coleman of the Plano Courier was at the hub Friday.

Dr. J. Wilson has announced for justice of the peace for the Plano precinct.

County Clerk John A Walden and Lou Crouch were among the excursionists to Galveston last week.

J. S. Hinman returned to Sulphur Springs Friday accompanied by his grandson, Master Eugene Hinman.

After a long. suspension on account of sicknes of its teacher, Prof. C C. Cross, Petersburg school reopened Monday with a good attendance.

Dr. W. R. Mathis has returned from New York where he took a special course in his profession.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

List of real estate transfers filed for record in the county clerk's office McKinney, Texas, week ending April 16 1898:

Henry C Hamilton to City of McKinney, lot in McKinney $50.

E C Thompson and wife to J E Thompson, 17 1-7a, Rainer sur, $375.

J L Moulden and wife to J T Shaver, 36-100a, Peques sur, $36.65.

Geo McWhorter et ux to Jesse Shain, 13a, in Queen sur, $65.

S E Putty et al to Mrs V R Byrd, lot in McKinney $200.

Geo W Pierce to W J Berry 15a, Terry sur, $70.

R D Hickman and wife to Wm F Glass, 46a, Walker, sur, $500.

P R Cotner to C C Harless, 56 12a, $240.

J R Cotner and wife to Mrs Bettie Nowlen, 32.03a, S Williams settlement.

M C, J B and Kate Cotner to Bettie Nowlen, int in 56a, $230.

C C Harless and wife to Mrs Bettie Nowlen, int. in 56a, $480.

G W Bounds and wife to J W Bounds, 51a, J Jackson sur, $500.

Bettie Nolen to J R Cotner, 24a, S Williams, settlement.

J C Calhoun and wife to N W Elmore, 112a, D Auglin sur, $350.

J J Russell and wife to J E Wall, lot in Plano, $300.

W M Bush to A B Keahey, 75a, Jacob Baccus sur, $2353.

W M Bush to A Greene, 240a, McKinney & Williams, $7500.

W M Bash to Mrs M S Keahey, 85a, J Baccus, $500.

S H Abbott and wife to J H Watson 9a, Jno Duncan sur, $250.

W J S Russell and wife to J M Peters, lot in McKinney, $295.

NOT ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD.

A fact often overlooked, or not always understood, is that women suffer as much from distressing kidney and bladder troubles as the men. The womb is situated back of and very close to the bladder, and for that reason any distress, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort.

The error is easily made and may beas easily avoided by setting urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling is evidence that your kidneys and bladder need doctoring. If you have pain or dull aching in the back, pass water too frequently, or scantily supply, with smarting or burning,—these are also convincing proofs of kidney trouble. If you have doctored without benefit, try Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy. The mild and the extraordinary effect will surprise you. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures. If you take a medicine you should take the best. At druggist fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, upon receipt of three two-cent stamps to cover cost of postage on the bottle. Mention THE DEMOCRAT and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y.

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The Most Favorable Season.

To cure catarrh is in the Spring. During the winter the patient is likely to take fresh cold and have a set-back. But if treatment is begun in the spring and continued into the summer, nothing need be feared for the succeeding winter. Of course, it all depends on the medicine. There are a great many catarrh medicines which relieve the most disagreeable symptom temporarily. Peru-na cures more slowly but also more permanently than this class of medicines. A course of Peru-na during the spring will cure catarrh more quickly than at any other season. Mr. Walter H. Tucker, Concord, N. H., writes Dr. Hartman as follows: "When I began taking your medicines four years ago I was suffering with chronic catarrh. I had taken nearly two dozen bottles of a so-called catarrh cure without much relief. Peru-na cured the night sweats and dizziness; it cured the cough I have had from my cradle; I can say it saved my life."

Dr. Hartman has published in book form a series of lectures on various phases of chronic catarrh, which he calls "Winter Catarrh." This book will be sent free to any address by The Peru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

Ultimatum Not Delivered and Why.

Washington, Apr. 21.—The following statement of the text of the ultimatum to Spain was issued today:

On yesterday, April 20, 1898, at 11 o'clock a. m., the department of state served notice of the purpose of this government by delivering to minister Polo a copy of an instruction to minister Woodford, and also a copy of the resolutions passed by the congress of the United States on the 19th instant, after the receipt of this notice the Spanish minister forwarded to the state department a request for his passports, which were furnished to him on yesterday afternoon. Copy of the instruction to Woodford is herewith appended.

The United States minister at Madrid was at the same time instructed to make a like communication to the government of Spain. This morning the department received from general Woodford a telegram, copy of which is hereunto attached, showing that the Spanish government had broken off diplomatic relations with this government. This course renders unnecessary any further diplomatic action on the part of the United States.

"April, 20, 1898.—Woodford, minister, Madrid: You have been furnished with the text of a joint resolution passed by the congress of the United States on the 19th, instant and approved to-day, in relation to the pacification of the island of Cuba. In obedience to that act the president directs you to immediately communicate to the government of Spain said resolution, with the formal notice from this government to the government of Spain to at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters. In taking this step the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignity, jurisdiction and control over said island except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination when that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people under such free and independence.

"If by the hour of noon on Saturday next, the 23rd day of Apr. instant, there be not communicated to this government by that of Spain a full and satisfactory response to this demand and resolution whereby the ends of peace in Cuba shall be assured, the president will proceed without further notice to use the power and authority enjoined and conferred upon him by the said joint resolution to such extent as may be necessary to carry the same into effect. SHERMAN."

Madrid, Apr. 21, 1898 (received 9:02 a. m.)—Sherman, Washington: Early this (Thursday) morning immediately after the receipt of your telegram, and before I had communicated the same to the Spanish government, the Spanish minister for foreign affairs notified me that diplomatic relations are broken between the two countries, and that all of the communications between their respective representatives have ceased. I accordingly asked for safe passports. Will turn the legation over to the British embassy and leave for Paris this afternoon Have notified consuls. WOODFORD.

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Populism and Democracy Contrasted.

We are told that since the Democrats have adopted our principles we should rejoin the party and help down the other fellows. Let us compare the two national platforms of 1896, and see if they are substantially alike on any question of vital importance:

1. The Populist platform declares for a "safe and sound" national currency, created by law as absolute money; the Democratic platform favors the old humbug of coin redemption for paper money.

2. The Populist platform demands that the circulating medium whether metal or the paper shall be full legal tender; the Democratic platform nowhere declares that all our money shall be full legal tender.

3. The Populist platform demands that money be issued by the government only, without the intervention of banks; Democracy declares only against national banks, leaving room for private or State banks

4. The Populist platform demands that the circulating medium be speedily increased until it restores the just level of prices; Democracy propose no substantial increase in the volume of money.

5. The populist platform demands "a just, equitable and efficient" means of getting money into circulation after it has been issued the Democratic platform contains no declaration on point.

6. Populism favors the free coinage of silver, to increase the volume of money, and pay our coin debts; Democracy also favors free silver, but would use it as a reserve fund to redeem paper money.

7. The Populist platform demands that the President, Vice-President and United States Senators, shall be elected by a direct vote of the people; the Democratic platform contains no such declaration.

8. The Populist platform declares that all public salaries be made to correspond to the price of labor and its products the Democratic platform does not demand lower salaries for public officials.

9. The Populist platform favors the employment of idle labor upon public works, as far as practicable in times of great industrial depression; Democracy proposes no such relief to the unemployed.

10. Populism demands an income tax, and denounces the supreme court decision on that subject. Democracy; merely squints in that direction, and asks that Congress use what power remains to secure equal taxation.

11. The Populist platform favors government ownership and operation of railroads; Democracy favors the old idea of trying to control the railroads while still allowing them to remain private property.

12. The Populist platform favors the establishment of postal savings banks for the encouragement to economy and trift among the people, the Democratic platform contains no such declarations.

13. The Populist platform extols the heoism of the Cuban patriots in thier struggle for liberty, and favors recognizing their independence; the Democratic platform merely extends sympathy to them.

14. The Populist platform declares that telegraph lines should be owned and operated by the government, in the interest of the people; the Democratic platform is silent on this important subject.

15. The Populist platform wisely declares in favor of direct legislation, through the initiative and referendum; the Democratic platform makes no mention of this timely and important subject.

16. The Populist platform denounces the scheme for refunding the debts of the Pacific railroad company, and demands the execution of the law on that subject; Democracy is significantly silent on this question.

17. The Populist platform condemns the reckless squandering of our public domain through excessive grants to corporations; Democracy utters not a word in condemnation of this wrong against, the masses.

18. The Populist plattorm declares that private monopoly in land, as well as alien ownership should be prohibited by law; the Democratic platform is found to contain no such declaration.

Weatherford, Texas.

[But suppose, Mr. Williams, that the Democrats had taken all the Populist platform and even made a better one, would that mean that Populists should vote with them, or even co-operate with them? Certainly not. They would not have meant what little reform they did put in their platform. The real Democratic platform is the record of the party while in power.—The Herald.

Will Please Both.

It has come to us that some of our populist readers are complaining that we are making the paper "too hot" while others find objections that we are not making it "hot enough."

We have an all consuming desire to please all our readers and in order to do so, will hereafter make one side of the paper "hot" and the other side "cold" and every man can read to his liking.

The real "hot stuff" will generally be found on this page of the paper.—Corsicana Truth.

The Two Virginias.

Charleston, W. Va., April 19.—The following telegrams passed between Govs. Atkinson and Tyler to-day.

Charleston, W. Va., April 19, Gov. J. H. Tyler, Richmond, Va: I suggest, if possible to accomplish it, that the volunteers of the two Virginias be consolidated into a brigade, and that we ask the president to appoint Fitzhugh Lee as the brigadier commander.

G. W. ATKINSON, Governor,

Richmond, Va., Apr. 19.—Hon. G. W. Atkinson, governor of West Virginia: The sentiments expressed in your telegram appreciated. Virginia would be glad to unite her forces with her sister state, and surely none more suitable to command could be found than Fitzhugh Lee.

J. HOGE TYLER.

Tribute of Respect

Melissa, Tex., April 4, '98

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst, on March 31, 1898, our beloved sister, Martha E. Graves.

Therefore be it resolved, that in the death of Sister Graves the Melissa Baptist Sunday school has lost one of its oldest members. Her place in the Sunday school was never vacant unless She was providentially hindered. She was a beloved teacher as long as her health would permit, and occupied a warm place in the hearts of all of the school. She seemed never to tire in her effort to interest every one in the Sunday school work. While our loss is seemingly irreparable, we rejoice to know that our sad loss is her unspeakable gain; therefore, we submit to the providence of God in this dark hour of our bereavment.

Resolved 2nd. That we extend to the family our truest sympathy in this deep breavment.

Resolved 3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Sunday school and published in our county papers. COMMITTEE

Is This a Political Trust!

Sherman Democrat.

McKinney, Texas, March 28.

Editor Sherman Democrat:—The copy of your last week's edition was received in due time, and perhaps your many democratic patrons would like to have the consensus of opinion as to the gubernatorial race in Collin county. To be candid I must report that the same scheme to defeat Crane in McKinney as at Sherman. A Wynne club has been raised and a bold game is being inaugurated in the interest of Sayers, which is for the Sayers supporters to vote for Wynne in the North Texas thickly populated counties so as to weaken Crane in his stronghold. Really no man, who has kept in touch with public opinion in Grayson and Collin, entertains the idea that Wynne stands any chance of being nominated. Texas needs Crane (her staunchest, brainiest and soundest democratic statesman) at the helm to guide her safely through the breakers of wild speculations, which an extravagant legislature is apt to foist upon an already over taxed people, with cotton at 4 cents. The many adherents of Crane who have watched his matchless record will not stand idly by and see his fair and honorable course besmirched by a fruitless effort to disparage his past record as a democrat, sound to the core. It won't work. Crane will be nominated and elected.

AARON COFFEE.

LOCALS.

Hon. T. F. Vaughan of Farmersville was in the city last week.

L. M. Tucker of Vineland took in the excursion to Galveston last week.

Miss Kate Page returned Friday evening from a visit to Greenville.

Miss Mamie Dowell came over from Greenville Friday and remained over Sunday with her parents.

Division Superintendent Daffan of the H. & T. C. was in McKinney Friday last.

Dr. H. L. Pearson has gone to Chicago to take a post-graduate course in dentistry; will be back June 1. Any information 'phone No. 26. Miss Pearl Thornton will be at the office from 2 to 3 o'clock each day.

We are glad to note that Prof. J.B. Dodson has been unanimously elected by the school board of Oak Cliff as Principal of the Oak Cliff public school. Prof. Dodson is an able educator and the present president and conductor of the McKinney Institute which has become a great success under his management.

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"	No 1	7:50 p. m.
South bound	No 2	8:17 a. m.
"	No. 16	3:10 p. m.
"	No 4	5:53 p.m.
"	Cannon Ball	10:05 p. m.

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Passenger, arrives.	4.55 p.m
Local "	10. 35 a. m

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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1898.

P. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor.
WALTER B. WILSON, Local Editor.

Congress by unanimus vote Apr. 25 declared war against the Kingdom of Spain.

Since the beginning of war the Denton County Record is putting out two extras per day. At 8:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

Sheriff Albert Erichson of Harris county suicided by shooting himself through the heart in his office in Houston Sunday. No cause known.

Harrison Woodward was instantly killed at Valley Plains Hopkins county Apr. 23. He was shot and stabbed by an assailant, unknown.

At St Joseph Mo., Bishop Burke has created a sensation in Catholic circles by declaring war between United States and Spain unnecessary and that it will be a calamity to this government and forever a blot on our national Character.

The populists of Blue Ridge Justice precinct have nominated their candidates for the present campaign. E. L. Williams, the present incumbent, was renominated for constable and T. A. Pruett for justice of the peace. Both gentlemen are leading citizens and thoroughly qualified for the offices.

With yesterday's issue of The Examiner appears the name of Jerry Magner at its masthead as editor and business manager. Jerry is a McKinney boy who has been in the printing business for several years and we know of no young man more worthy of patronage and able to fill such a position than he. We welcome him and trust that success will attend.

The queen regent of Spain addressed a personal protest to all European sovereigns Apr. 25. In her telegram to King Humbert of Italy the queen says "I feel it my duty to address myself to your majesty and all European sovereigns in order to call attention to the incredibly hypocritical attitude of a government which, under the pretext of delivering a people who are faithful to their mother country, is today spurning under foot the most sacred rights of Spain, as to-morrow it will spurn those of other nations."

The Dallas News broke all circulation records in the southwest Sunday. Its immense press facilities were taxed to their utmost speed for thirteen hours getting out the Sunday edition, but still fell short of the demand 14000 copies. The News' practice of eliminating sensationalism from its columns at this critical juncture is winning itself new laurals as a great news gatherer. Its course is proper. Facts without color now are grave enough to satiate the cravings of even the most rabid jingoes, so give us unpolished facts.

REAL PATRIOTISM.

During the past three days young men from all parts of the county have been offering to join the military company here. The following from a Blue Ridge man is a fair sample of the expression of feeling all over the county contained in letters daily received by Capt. Perkins:

Blue Ridge, Tex. April 26, 1898.

Mr. Dudley Perkins, McKinney Tex.

My dear Sir,

I note your call for volunteers and wish my name added to the roll of patriots, who are willing to fight for their country.

My father fought with the Greys for two years, he educated me at the feet of patriotism, and when I forget his precepts and examples may my guardian angel forget me.

Yours for Service,

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been recorded in the County Clerk's office since last report:

Foster A Winn and Miss Katy Lewis.

Lonnie R. Bolton and Miss Mary C Murry.

J L Boggs and Miss Maggie Thorp.

D W Kerr and Miss Mollie Ousley.

Joe W Barnes and Miss Florrie Largent.

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Is sold at the One Dollar Blood Purifier. $1; six for $5. Get only Hood's.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

POPULIST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Meets—Primary Conventions To Be Held May 21—County Convention May 28 at Farmersville—An Address and Official Call.

The Populist executive committee of Collin county met in THE DEMOCRAT office Saturday afternoon Apr. 23rd, persuant to call. Chairman Forbes of Anna called the committee to order and presided.

S. A. Todd was appointed committeeman for Princeton, vice J. B. Jones moved out of the precinct. The referendum vote taken Apr. 16 was canvassed and forwarded to Harry Tracy at Dallas, national reorganization committeman for Texas. The proposition to hold national convention pending the 1898 campaign for the purpose of promoting the welfare and declaring the future policy of the party was almost unanimously favored. The choice of dates for holding a national nominating convention for McKinney a presidential candidate was found to be July 4, 1898 by a good majority, May 22, 1899 was second and Feb. 22 1900, third choice.

Mr. Hickman of Farmersville made motion seconded by Mr. Holder of McKinney that a county convention be held for the purpose of selecting delegates to the congressional and state conventions, to make such county nominations as may be desirable and to elect a new executive committee chairman. This was unanimously agreed to. The primary convention date was set at Saturday May 21 and county convention one week later, Saturday May 28. For a basis of representation the Kearby vote for governor was agreed upon. Each voting box will be entitled to one delegate in the county convention and one additional for every fifty votes polled therein

Farmersville asked for and got the county convention.

Chairman Forbes, E. W. Kirkpatrick and F. C. Thompson were appointed a committee to issue an address on behalf of the committee to the populists and voters of Collin county. Address is given below.

ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE OF COLLIN COUNTY—FELLOW CITIZENS:

Another political campaign has arrived and your patient attention is called to the work of choosing officers again.

After a lapse of thirty years of peace in which party strife and local and personal jealousies have worked their baneful results we are at this time involved in a foreign war from which we hope soon to emerge with victory and, with peace again established we appeal to all citizens who believe in the American system of government to join us in an attempt at re-establishing our Government on a basis of economy and efficiency. No attempt to build up a great overtopping party of power for spoils and for patronage, should be encouraged. Our sole purpose should be the advancement of peace, prosperity and happiness among all the inhabitants of our country. Party domination in our government has been tried and found, as Washington prophesied, the most dangerous form of tyranny. In the absence of all hope of real reform of government by the present prevailing parties and believing that reform can come only through the indepent action of patriotic individuals we invite all persons inclined to independent action to join us in our effort to improve the condition of our population.

Believing the time has come when every believer in the eternal principles of the People's Party should be aroused to action, we wish to offer a few words of advice and encouragement to the Populists of Collin county. The usual horde of hungry office seekers are now roving the hills and dales of our country, whispering deceitful words into the ear of every populist who will listen and telling them that the Populist party is dead and begging them to come into the "fold" and help them into office. We entreat you in the name of truth and justice and in the name of honor and patriotism to turn your back upon these selfish seeker afters "pie" and a deaf ear to their siren voices. No true and intelligent Populist will so stultify himself as to go into an opposition primary. When the politician tells you your party is dead remember that he told you the same thing in 1892 after our party had polled 108,000 votes in the state and 2,200 in this county. Remember that they told you the same thing after the election in 1894 when you had increased your vote in the state to 155,000 and your vote in the county to 2,700. And now he is telling you this same old story when in 1896 you increased your votein the state to 238,000 and your vote in the county to 3,800. The records of the election show all such statements to be false. All Populists should give all such statements by politicians no heed.

The primary election is a "delusion and a snare." The candidate will say to you "come in and vote for me and then vote as you please in the general election. When you have voted in the primary electon you will then be told that you are solemnly pledged to support the whole ticket.

No faith can rest in promise of reform by the dominant party in this state. They scornfully spurned our offer of honorable union offices in 1896, the only thing that could have made the election of Bryan possible preferring to see their leader go down in defeat to recognizing us on honorable terms. For the People's party they have had only ridicule and abuse and have not hesitated to appropriate such parts of our platforms as would serve their purpose of riding into office. These same pretended reformers have disfranchised every man in the states of South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana who do not own property to a certain amount, and yet they will tell you that they intend to carry out the reforms demanded by the People's Party. We again entreat you to beware of the primaries, "Touch not; taste not; handle not.

The Apostles had a Judas; the Colonies had an Arnold; and so our great cause has had several of like ilk who have turned traitor in time of need and gone over to the enemy hoping to be rewarded for their perfidy.

We have the highest regard for the honest, open foe who confronts us in battling against our principles, but for those who enter our camps with the hidden dagger of treachery ready to smite us in the hour of battle we have nothing but contempt, and we know of no greater punishment than to bid them on into the enemy's camp, there to "rest" beneath suspicion and digust.

It is to be diplored that the dark clouds of war hover over our nation. Indeed, as we address you the armies of America and Spain and called to battle for supremacy on land and sea. All hopes of peace so much desired by the thoughtful conservative and liberty loving citizenship have vanished. We believe that all populists of our county, state and nation are peaceful, liberty loving people who stand today as in the past acting as mediators, with one hand on the throat of the anarchist and the other on the throat of the cormorant. Our sympathies are with those struggle for political freedom in every land of every clime and it being the object of our government in the present crisis to assist in promoting freedom and relieve the suffering Cubans. We trust that all will give patriotic support to the government in its trying to bring to a speedy close the present war with just as little expense and bloodshed as possible. As in our international war we call volunteers to the defence of our national integrity, so in the great industrial war against injustice we ask volunteers to our army of peaceful reform.

Signed,

E. W. KIRKPATRICK, }
E. C. FORBES, } Com.
F. C. THOMPSON, }

Populist Official Call.

McKinney, Tex., Apr. 25, '98.

TO THE POPULISTS OF COLLIN COUNTY.

By authority vested in me as chairman of the County Executive committee I hereby call a county convention of the Populists of Collin county to meet in the city of Farmersville Saturday May 28th, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. For the following purposes:

1st. To elect delegates to the state convention to be held at Austin, July 27th.

2nd. To elect delegates to a Congressional nominating convention not yet called.

3rd To elect a chairman of the county executive committee to serve for two years.

4th. To nominate such officers and attend to such other business as the convention may see proper.

The populist voters are requested to meet at their several voting places on Saturday May 21st at 2 o'clock p. m. and elect one delegate from each precinct and one additional delegate for every 50 votes cast for Jerome Kearby for governor in 1896.

Under this apportionment the several precincts will be entitled to representation as follows:

Allen	2
Anna	3
Blue Ridge	5
Celina	1
Copeville	2
Chambersville	1
Decatur	2
Farmersville North	6
Farmersville South	4
Frankfort	1
Gray Bill	2
Josephine	1
Lick Prairie	2
Lavon	1
Lebanon	2
Lucas	1
McKinney North	12
McKinney South	11
Millwood	1
Melissa	3
Nevada	2
Princeton	3
Plano	4
Pike	2
Roseland	1
Rheas Mill	2
Rock Hill	3
Snow Hill	2
St. Paul	2
Seven Points	1
Verona	2
Valdasta	2
Weston	4
Wylie	3
Total	96

At your precinct meetings elect a chairman of your precinct who will be ex-officio member of the county executive committee.

E. C. FORBES, CH'M.

Attest:

WALTER B. WILSON, Sec.

Girl Triplets.

Mrs. George Dunn living in the Flats in West Collin recently gave birth to three big healthy girl babies. Mrs. Dunn was formerly a Miss Minnie Caster and lived in McKinney where she was married about a year ago.

HAVANA WILL BE OURS.

Cuba to be Invaded Immediately—Sampson's Fleet Captures More Spanish Ships—Other War Notes.

BOMB FOUND IN THE CAPITOL.

Washington, April 26.—Cuba will be invaded and the defenses of Havana engaged by land and sea as soon as troops can be moved to the shipping points and transported. Havana will be ours inside of a week or it will be in ruins, is the opinion expressed in the war department.

Washington, April 26.—A bomb was found in the capitol yesterday afternoon. The discovery was made by the Secret Service force at the capitol on its second round.

The bomb had been placed in the most advantageous position to wreck the senate end of the building. It was found in a room not used for any particular purpose, about sixty feet from the elevator shaft. The bomb is a round tin canister six inches long and two inches in circumference. It contained a purely chemical substance and had a fuse attached to it. The fuse was partly burned.

Havana, April 26.—Gen. Blanco has cabled his government that he is able to protect Havana without the aid of the warships.

Key West, April 26.—It is believed here that the Spanish officers in Havana are preparing to attack the American fleet after night with torpedoes carried by small tugs.

Havana, April 26.—Gen. Gomez is prepared to co-operate with America and advance on Havana with 50,000 men.

New York, April 26.—It is reported that the Asiatic squadron is now 100 miles off the coast of the Philpine Islands in regular line of battle and the clash between the two fleets is expected hourly.

Manilla, Philipine Islands, April 26.—The insurgent forces are rapidly massing around this city and a Spanish massacre is feared.

Key West, April 26.—The big Spanish ship, which was chased yesterday by the Mangrove turned out to be the big Spanish steamer Panama instead of the Alfonso. The Mangrove has arrived here with her prize.

Washington, April 26.—This government today notified Great Britian that ex-Minister Polo must leave Canada. It is believed that he is acting as a spy to get acquainted with the arrangements in the American harbors and to watch the movements.

SPANISH FLEETS SCATTERED.

Cruisers Sighted In Mid-Ocean—American Fleets Ready To Move—Latest War Notes.

London, April 27.—The Daily Mail says that a Spanish cruiser and four torpedo boats were seen by the steamer, Majestic, almost in the middle of the Atlantic. It is believed that the Spanish squadron is broken up and the vessels are going in different directions.

Old Point Comfort, Va., April 27.—The Flying squadron is ready to leave Hampton Roads at a minutes notice. The fires are lighted and orders to sail are expected hourly.

Washington, April 27.—Secretary Alger and the president are now arranging the details of a plan to invade Cuba. It is expected it will be done at once.

New York, April 27.—A cablegram from Madrid says the Spanish fleet has been at sea for seaveral days and the Spaniards are listening every day to hear of a bombardment on the Atlantic coast.

Key West, April 27.—From the American fleet off Havana, bright fires can be seen all around the city. It is believed that the Spaniards are burning and laying waste to all kinds of property in the suburbs.

Queenstown, April 27.—The Shenandoah is safe. She passed Kinsdale, on the Irish coast yesterday.

WAR NOTES.

The war department announces that state troops called for must resign from the national guards and enlist in the regular army

Havana had not been bombarded at close of Monday, April 25

The commander of Key West naval station has reported the capture of three more Spanish prizes by Capt. Sampson's fleet.

The official Gazette at Rome published a proclamation, April 25, enjoining upon all Italians strict neutrality during the war between Spain and the United States.

Gen. Greely has been appointed official censor of all press matter from Havana and Key west.

Quartermaster Johnson, of the prize crew of the gunboat Helena, accidentally shot himself April 24 and died April 25.

Owing to infirmities of age Secretary John Sherman resigned, April 25, and was succeeded by Assistant Secretary Day. The retiring secretary's public life covers a period of forty years, embracing the house of representatives, United States senator, the secretaryship of the treasury and the secretaryship of state.

Matanzas Bombarded.

The United States vessels New York, Puritan and Cincinnati bombarded the forts at Matanzas yesterday, Wednesday, afternoon. The engagement lasted thirty minutes. There was no casualty on the American side. Great damage was done Matanzas, and it is believed there was loss of life. The Asiatic squadron under Admiral Dewey has been ordered to attack the Spanish at Manilla, Phillipine Islands, and a great naval battle is expected hourly. Havana is effectually blockaded and may be bombarded at any time. Meanwhile the formidable Spanish fleet is lying idle at Cape Verde Islands

Alfred Allen was in Dallas on business yesterday.

Mrs. L. A. Scott, of Melissa, was shopping in the city Wednesday.

Miss Susie Leddy, who has been sick for several days, is no better today.

Little Earnest Norvelle, who has been sick for several weeks, is still very low. However, some hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Georgia, the little daughter of Mr. Jas. Douglass, fell from her swing yesterday afternoon, sustaining very painful injuries, almost fracturing her under jaw.

Miss Fannie Abernathy left yesterday morning for a visit to Tyler as a representative of the Rush-Light club. Her brother Will accompanied her to Dallas.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

Mr. Joe W. Barnes and Miss Florrie Largent Happily Married at the First Christian Church.

Yesterday afternoon at half past five o'clock the society folks of McKinney repaired to the First Christian church to witness the most brilliant social event of the early spring season.

The spacious auditorium was well filled with relatives, friends and admirers of the happy couple. Miss McCracken rendered the beautiful wedding march on the large pipe organ, as the happy bride and groom to be, marched down the center isle, followed by the selected attendants, Mr. Cliff McDowell and Miss Myrtle Fox, and the ushers, Messrs Less White and Richard Burrage, who, in full dress, occupied positions immediately opposite the attendants. As the music lowered to tones scarcely audible, Rev. S. K. Hallam came forward and with a short but beautiful ceremony said the words that made them one in the eyes of the law and the God of destines. The bride and groom then faced the audience, who greeted them with admiring eyes and pleasant smiles of congratulation, and to the strain of low, sweet music, retraced their steps to the carriage which awaited them at the door, drove immediately to the H. & T. C. depot, where numerous friends followed to bid them a happy journey on their bridal tour to Dallas and Galveston.

They were accompanied to Dallas by Misses Mamie Page and Myrtle Fox.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. Joel S. Graves of Blue Ridge spent Monday in McKinney. He preached Sunday at Climax.

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Usual services were held Sunday morning at the Episcopal church, but at night the congregation joined in the Firemen's memorial worship at the Christain church.

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Rev. J. W. Hill has gone to Nashville, Tennessee, to meet the Methodist Board of Missions. His pulpit will be occupied next Sunday by Rev. Jones of Greenville.

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Rev. Joel S. Graves speaks enthusiastically of the improvements in church work at Verona. He says that Prof. D. W. Leigh has distinguished himself in the development of the vocal talent of the young people.

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Revs. J. S. Cameron and W. T. Newsome will exchange pulpits the first Sunday in May. The former will preach at Fellowship 5 miles southeast of Allen, the latter at East Fork 5 miles southeast of McKinney. Rev. Cameron will preach a special sermon to men only at East Fork the third Sunday in May.

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Presiding Eld. I. A. Ashburn of Greenville changed cars in McKinney Friday evening for Allen from which point he intended going out to Lebanon next day to hold quarterly conference.

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Elder B. B. Tyler, of Washington, D. C. will begin a protracted meeting at the Christian church next Sunday. All are most cordially invited to attend those services.

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There was a union C. E. society organized some few weeks ago at Johnson School House, with Miss Ella Moore as secretary. They have the material there for a fine young folks organzation, and good results may be expected for their work.

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The Holiness church holds prayermeeting every Thursday night. Dennis Rogers is pastor and preaches every Sunday at 10:40 a. m. and 8 p. m.

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There were fine services at the Christian church last Sunday. To begin with there was a large attendance at Sunday school, there being 158 present. Pastor Hallam took for his text for the morning sermon Luke 19:13, "Occupy till I come." There were fine meetings at all of the C. E. services, and at night the annual Fire boys' memorial services, an account of which appears in this issue.

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The fifth annual C. E. convention of the Dallas District was held at Waxahachie last week. There were some 300 C. E's present, and a most enjoyable convention was held. All who were present are loud in their praise of the entertainment by the Waxa folks, and say they wish the next meeting could be at the same place. It was not fully decided as to where the next convention would go, but is now thought to Terrell.

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Eld. B. J. Forbes, formerly of this county, is now on a work in Hood and Sommervel counties. His address is Thorp Springs, where in addition to his ministerial duties, he also teaches Greek in the Jarvis Institute. Eld. Forbes was a farmer boy, working near Bethany until he entered Ad-Ran University at Thorp Springs about six years ago. Former's acquaintances here will be glad to hear of his progress in acquiring an education and his success in the ministry, his chosen life's work.

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The annual memorial services of the McKinney Fire Department were held Sunday night at the new Christian church. The fine spacious structure was jammed with the big congregation which attended. Eld. S. K. Hallam preached, he paid a glowing tribute to the devotedness, fidelity and bravery of the department to the city's interests which they frequently guard at the peril of life and without pay. Jesse Atkinson and Jim Moore having served seven years each continuously presented medals as per custom of the department which exempt them from future active service. Rev. J. W. Hill eloquently made the presentation. All other congregations of the city adjourned in deference to the service and most of them attended.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas.—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Collin county, Texas, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, That by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Collin, if there be a newspaper published in said county, (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon Robert Jones, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the justice court, of Precinct No. 8, Collin county, Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the county and precinct aforesaid, in the town of Blue Ridge, on the 27th day of May, A. D., 1898, file number being No. 313, then and there to answer the petition of Barton Bros. a copartnership composed of Kimber L. Barton, William Barton and George A. Barton, filed in said court, on the 26th day of April, A. D., 1898, against the said Robert Jones, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

On the 25th of September, A. D., 1896, the plaintiffs, Barton Bros. a copartnership composed of Kimbrell L. Barton, William Barton and George A. Barton, recovered a judgment on an account against the defendant, Robert Jones, for the sum of one hundred twenty six and 90-100 ($126.90) dollars in a certain cause the file number of which is 313 said judgment bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the date of the rendition of the said judgment and two and 60-100 ($2.60) dollars cost of suit, and there not having been issued an execution on said judgment within twelve months after the rendition thereof the same became dormant. The said Robert Jones, not having paid off and satisfied said judgment or any part thereof, this suit is brought to revive said judgment. You will therefore summon the said Robert Jones as above set forth to be and appear before the Justice court of Precinct No. 8, Collin county, Texas, to be held in the town of Blue Ridge on the 27th day of May, A. D., 1898, then and there to show cause if any he has why the said judgment should not be revived. Herein fail not but make due return of this writ showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand this the 26th day of April, A. D., 1898.

E. E. HOLT, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 8, Collin County, Texas.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

BIRTHDAY ANNUAL.

The Annual Gathering at Eld. R. C. Horn's.

Tuesday April, 26th, 1898 will be a memorable day to a host of relatives and friends who gathered on the green sward surrounding the beautiful and happy home of Eld. R. C. Horn situated northwest of McKinney about five miles, to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the host named. One year ago from the above date the writer enjoyed the pleasure of attending a similar gathering at the same place of which a full account, including a complete list of attendants was published in these columns at the time. The day, though rather cool in the morning, was beautiful. The oral exercises consisted in singing and short addresses. The latter included talks by Elds. Stapp and Horn, and E. W. Kirkpatrick. Dinner, more than sufficient to feed the large number present, was spread on a long table provided under the shade of oaks. After the report and speeches the crowd visited the Horn cemetery nearby where loving hands busied themselves in decorating, with flowers, the silent mounds of loved ones and mingling their tear's above the sleepers in natures embrace. We venture to say that there is no country cemetery more neatly cared for than the one named above. The surface is clean of all unseemly growth, the grave stones kept erect, the mounds kept up and the fence and gates in perfect repair. Recently a neat little box house was built in which cemetery tools will be kept and a place to shelter a corpse and aged people to obtain shelter from rain that may fall during burials. The money to keep up the work of building, repairing and working grounds is collected by Eld. Horn from those interested and disbursed by him, reports of which he makes frequently. Regarding the speeches we can say that they were appropriate. The host presented the claims of the community regarding its morality which met with the approval of all those who are acquainted with its citizenship. Eld. Stapp of Melissa, the "Tall Sycamore of East Fork," came with his usual well timed talk mingled with the serious and comic. E. W. Kirkpatrick grew enthuseastic in his support of the tree, vine and flower, as the producers of home love and national patriotism. The occasion was the annual meeting of faces hands and hearts, which act as a great barrier against community strife which often wrecks the peace of neighborhoods because of social neglect—icy retirement. Since the last meeting, a year ago, as stated by Eld. Horn, hands, which tenderly laid flowers above the sleeping heroes of life's battles, are now stilled and their bodies numbered with those whose names are preserved on memory's tablet. Since that meeting the writer himself, has witnessed the consignment of a loved one in the bosom of the Horn cemetery, whose hands even handled the type that composed the printed report in THE DEMOCRAT of Apr. 29, 1897. While gathering to do honor to these loved ones let us not forget the duty of life—to scatter flowers in the pathway of the living. If we would be happy we should strive to make others happy. Especially let us remember the aged and infirm. Support them gently and lovingly as they descend the western slope of life and, as for rewards, we can safely trust for a peaceful conscience here and joyous greetings beyond where "tree, vine and flower" obtain forever.

BIRTHDAY GIFTS TO R. C. HORN.

McDowell & White, 1 hat.
Ben H. Oates and wife, pair Kid gloves.
E. W. Kirkpatrick, 4 sack Peerless Pat Flour.
E. Gano Horn, 1 sack Peerless Patent Flour.
S. H. Fox and wife, 1 watered silk Hankerchief.
T. W. Lanham tuition in school $4.00.
Clifford Thomas, cash $1.00.
J. A. Andrews Esqr. cash $1.00.
N. L. Talkington, cash $1.00.
Chas. Neely, cash, 50c.
Frank Crim, cash 25c.
Mrs. A. E. Douglas and sons $2.
T. E. Shirley $1.
W. H. Horn $5.
H. T. Million $1.
A. M. Wilson $1.

There may have been others not known to the reporter.

Vote of Thanks.

THE DEMOCRAT:

The school at Fairfield adopted unanimously a resolution voting thanks to THE DEMOCRAT for the treat of apples furnished at closing of our school. The resolution was followed by three cheers for your paper. We desire herewith to extend heartfelt gratitude to the entire Fairfield community for the excellent dinner provided for patrons, teachers, scholars and visitors.

N. C. BROWN,
Teacher.

Referring to the above we will state that we were one of the recipionts of the report referred to above and feel grateful for same. The gratitude of the children of Fairfield for our modest present is ample pay for same. A further notice of the closing exercises will appear next week.

McKINNEY NOT GUILTY.

The jury in the case of Sam McKinney, charged with the murder of Ed Bynum, colored, last February, rendered a verdict of not guilty yesterday evening. Both the State and the defendant were ably served by their respective counselors, and every evidence, pro and con was sounded to the bottom. The trial of the case occupied nearly two days.

Altoga Atoms.

Apr. 26, '98.

The County Alliance was held at Johnson last week.

Rucker & Co., have made some improvements on their store front lately.

The members met Friday and did some needed work at the Baptist church.

Several Altogaites went to McKinney Sunday in quest of war news.

George Straughan of Viney Grove was here Sunday.

James Cowan and Dr. Dobbs went to McKinney yesterday.

Miss Ida Boyer is teaching a successful school at Johnson.

The Stiffs Chapel and Viney Grove Dramatic club will give a play entitled "Yankee Detective" at Johnson Thursday night.

Some of our boys are aroused very much over the war question and say they will be a part of the first volunteers to leave Collin county.

E. Williams was round Saturday taking the scholastics. Mr. Williams is an allround school man, and has served as trustee several terms.

An entertainment was given at the home of J. A. Moreland Saturday night. There was not a great many present but all who were present highly enjoyed themselves.

Sunday school was held at the usual hour, 10 o'clock in the morning Sunday. Night services was conducted by Rev. G. B. Airheart he delivered an able sermon to an overflowing house.

QUIEN SABE.

Accidental Shooting.

Thursday at Erudia in the extreme western portion of the county Alex Nash accidentally shot Walter Branch with a hammerless gun. Branch's injuries are not thought to be of a serious nature.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex April, 28, '98, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Anderson Salie	Caldwell Minta
Lindsey Mme	Miller Tran
Morton Pearl	Penn Lizzie
Roberts Lizie	Shrader Love
Vaughn Ora	Wallis Omah
Wallace Rosey	Wilson Mattie

GENTLEMAN.

Baxter J L	Chandler Throckmorton
Edards Charlie	Farris Ollie
Graves Charlie	Guenther Charlie
Hankins W	Hayes J P
Keen D N	Lartigue A L
McAlpin (2)	McMill R L
McCyrmon A J	Seible J
Sloan D	Tobey W R
Wallis A O	Wackley W M
Wright George	Waulbe Willie
Wallis Effie	Young William
Young Jack	

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

Mrs. M. A. Cameron
Postmistress.

Injuries Prove Fatal.

The sad news of Capt. R. W. Carpenter's death reached McKinney early Sunday morning and caused genuine sorrow among our citizens. It will be remembered that an account of Capt. Carpenter's injuries received by the upsetting of his buggy appeared in THE DEMOCRAT a few issues back. His collar bone was broken and one lung crushed, but these injuries were not thought to be fatal until the final collapse set in. Death came peacefully to the old veteran at 2 a. m. Sunday Apr. 24. Capt. Carpenter was a prominet citizen of Collin County for many years and the head of a large and respected family. The members of J. W. Throckmorton camp United Confederate Veterans attended the funeral of their old comrade in a body Monday which took place at Bethany, his home, 14 miles southwest of McKinney. He was a member of the Christian church and director of Add Ran university at Waco. Eld. Hallam of McKinney conducted the funeral ceremonies in the presence of an immense concourse of people. We unite in the expressions of condolence to the bereaved family.

Church Demolished.

Esq. E. E. Holt of Blue Ridge was in the city Saturday and informed a DEMOCRAT reporter that a small cyclone visited his section of the county early Friday morning. The Baptist church was blown from its blocks and almost totally wrecked. J. P. Nevils rent house and smokehouse and E. M. Cox's barn were blown down. The family of Bob White living one mile north of the Ridge had a narrow escape from being killed by the lighting which struck their home. The chimney was knocked down and the rocks thrown in every direction, killing a dog. We also learn that king Anderson's blacksmith shop at Lebanon was blown off its foundation. The storm occurred about 3 o'clock Friday morning and accompanied by the heaviest hail of the season and some rain. About noon Friday another cloud came up with some rain and wind. At Pike in the northeast portion of the county this twister blew down a storehouse, damaging considerably its contents—a grocery. Outbuildings and fences were wrecked.

Robt. E. Chambers paid Denison a business visit, Tuesday.

Dr. Jas. A. Caldwell is now located in the old Gazette office. Lately his complete professional apparatus has arrived and his office is the best equipped and attractively fitted out.

The Pike Odd Fellows celebrated their natal day Tuesday with a picnic and speaking. J. L. Doggett, W. M. Shirley, T. S. Jackson, W. W. Shepherd, T. W. Perkins, E. H. Keen, Yancy Powell and F. E. P. Shrader, county candidates, from McKinney were present. Rev. Wilbanks and W. M. Erwin of Melissa, Geo. Hardin of Farmersville and J. L. Doggett of this city were the principal speakers.

An 8 lb. boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ray Sunday morning.

Jess Shain is adding improvements to his home.

A new iron fence now surrounds the back yard of the new Christian Church.

Local Military Company

The local military company has grown to a membership above 125. Yesterday Senator Gough wired Adjt. Gen. Mabry that the company was impatiently awaiting his call, ready to respond immediately. Adjt. Mabry answered the probabilities are that the state guard will supply Texas' quota of the president's 125,000 call. Under these circumstances some of the the members are seeking admission into authorized companies elsewhere. Public demonstrations were held by the company Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

District Court

This is the last week of district court. Following are the proceedings since our last report:

State vs W S Gray, theft of cattle not gulty.

State vs Jess Brimer, burglary, 2 years in the penitentiary.

State vs C I Walfe, Jno Smith and Geo Barrentine theft dismissed.

State vs Perry Freeman burglary dismissed.

State vs Perry Freeman, burglary 2 years in penitentiary.

State vs Perry Freeman, burglary not guilty.

State vs Sam McKinney murder not guilty.

Jim Sauls, burglary, not guilty.

Jake and Heary Ramsey, assault to rob, not guilty.

State vs Walter Edwards, sentence passed.

Phil Simons, assult to murder, not guilty.

State vs J C B and Lee Moore, robbery dismissed.

State vs Geo Hathaway, assault to rape on trial.

RELIGIOUS.

The State Epworth League conference at Galveston last week reelected its old cabinet of officers. Gus W. Thomasson of Van Alstyne was unanimously retained as secretary. The representatives of this great young people's Christian organization gathered from the four corners of great Texas five thousand strong, deliberating three days and nights in the Island city. "All For Christ" is their motto and was the burden of their talk, prayer and song. The most notable character present was Dr. Young J. Allen the oldest living missionary to China. The period of his service for the Master among that heathen people covers forty years. He came to thank and encourage the Texas Leaguers who, three years ago at Houston, sent three missionaries to that land and which example of practical missionary spirit has resulted in sending of fifteen other missionaries by the Leaguers of the other Southern States. Henceforth the state conference will only come together biennially, alternating with the inter-denominational conference.

READY FOR A FIGHT.

American and Spanish Fleets Both Preparing for the Death Grapple.

Hong Kong Wednesday, April 27.—Commodore Dewey's fleet sailed for the Philippines yesterday. O. F. Williams the American consul at Manilla, arrived here yesterday on board the steamer Esmeralda. He says the people of Manila are wildly excited, fearing that they will be between two fires, the American squadron and the insurgents.

Two days before he left the Spanish cruiser Castilla arrived. She is a wooden vessel of the old type, three masts, back rigged, with one smokestack. She has five 9-inch Krupp guns, two 4.7 inch, two 3.3 inch, four 2.9 inch, and eight rapid fireing guns. She has two torpedo tubes and a speed of about twelve knots. She has a cargo of miscellaneous war supplies, including torpedoes. These will be used in place of mines.

The commander of the Castilla was immediately requested by the governor general to assist in the defense of the harbor. He declared with some vehemence he would sooner sink at his moorings than surrender his ship. He moored his ship at the entrance to the harbor, and taking the guns from one side of his ship, he placed them in emplacements on Corregidor island at the other side of the harbor. He and his officers and crew declare they will die at her guns.

About 25,000 native insurgents are encamped outside Manila ready to rush upon the Spaniards as soon as the American fleet appears.

All Americans except one are now out of Manila, many taking refuge aboard English merchant ships. All American ships except the Great admiral have also got away. She is a wooden vessel of 1,576 gross tons, and is owned by E. R. Sterling of Newport, R. I.

Wetsel Windings.

April 25, 98.

Mrs. Hattie Shields, who has been visiting her mother Mrs. Joe McMahan and other relatives here, returned to her home in Denison Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bush of Allen were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sunday.

Charles Smith of Self School house was in Wetsel community Sunday.

Mrs. Joe McMahan and Mr. and Mrs. Young and L. McMahan were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vantrease Sunday at Whites Grove.

T. O. Murry of Vetsel attended Sunday school at the grove Sunday.

Cotton is coming up very nicely after the rain.

The prayer meting at Mr. Epps Sunday night was very well attended.

JIM CROW.

PRINCETON PICK-UP.

Shot His Brother Whom He Mistook For a Turkey.

Princeton, April 25.

We appreciated the extra edition of the Democrat of April 16.

Lee Wallace has returned to his home at Desoto. During his residence here he made many friends who regret his departure.

J. S. Graves, of Blue Ridge, was greeting friends in our village Monday.

The Baptist church is being ceiled throughout.

Mrs. Spain, of Farmersville, visited her daughter Mrs. H. M. Pirtle last week.

Dr. Boorman went on the excursion to Galveston last week. Mrs. Boorman spent the time with relatives in McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Cloyd have three boys at their home. The last one arrived on April 15.

Rev. Cameron filled his third Sunday appointment.

W. H. Betts is speding a few days in Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alin Wilson went to Richardson Saturday and returned Monday.

Orrie Allen has recovred from his long sickness sufficint to be taken to his home below Culleoka.

Rev. H. M. Pirtle was in Durant, I. T., last week peaching a series of sermons.

Princeton Lodge I. O. G. T., was represented at the district lodge, which convened on April 5, at Kiegburg by Alma Wilson, who was elected treasurer of that body.

To "Rox" of Anna: We are glad that you took our "squib" of March 21, as a text from which to arraign the "pretended pros." Your article was par excellent to the point. "God don't need any political party, but He does need men! men! men! Men too clean to compromise, too strong to swerve, too noble to be badgered out of their rights. He needs men that will do His will."

Saturday morning Louis and Will Sneed, two residents of Heardland, went out wild turkey hunting. Several fowls were sighted and shot at, but missed. William requested Louis to remain on watch there while he circled around. He soon found the turkeys and shot one in a tree. Louis wishing to engage in the sport hurried to come up in the opposite direction. Sighting the turkey still in the tree he began creeping up half bended. Will hearing a noise and seeing the brush moving, supposed it to be a turkey on the ground and fired, when lo! his brother screamed. The bullet took effect in the thick part of the hip, causing only a flesh wound, though scarcely missing the bone.

Last Sunday's visit from the editior and wife was greatly enjoyed in the writer's home.

Walter Cameron closed his school at Heardland Friday last. A successful and pleasant term is reported.

Mrs. Hancock and Miss Minnie Green came out from McKinney Saturday to visit the family of W. A. Harrelson. Mr. Hancock and W. T. Lackston came over Sunday.

Long Neck school will close Friday next.

A [illegible] night last week at the schoolhouse.

War news is eagerly sought after by our citizens at the incoming of every train.

A letter from W. T. Hopkins, formerly a Princetonite, but now at home in Arkansas, informs us that he has enlisted as a volunteer to go to Cuba, and is expecting daily to be called upon to begin the journey. J. F. S.

ALLEN ANTHEMS.

Mrs. E. F. Young and family have been visiting in Allen several days.

Allen has had a series of ball games lately.

Alex Conder and sister of Ellis county, have been visiting their old friends here.

Jim Giddings is up again after a protracted illness.

We learn that Lige Runnel's has abandoned moving to Dallas.

Ely Spradley of McKinney was in town last week.

Dave Gerrish has just returned from a hunt and fishing trip, in Denton county.

T. B. Carroll has a very small boy visiting at his house now.

Crops are very flattering at this time.

BIMET.

FARMERSVILLE BUDGET.

Mostly Personal Storm at Blue Ridge.

Apr. 27 1898.

The school at Fomcine, taught by Marcus Wylie, closed last week.

M. A. Wylie is in the city this week.

Rev. Mr. Drew preached at the Christion church last Sunday.

J. T. Lacy and G. E. Wadkins went to Galveston last Sunday night to attend County Commissioner's Association of the state.

H. T. Tyler, of Ladonia, came in last Sunday. He will remain a few days and then go to Morgan, Texas, where he has a position.

Rev. Mr. Price has been preaching some excellent sermons at the Methodist church for several days. Go and hear him, and you will think so.

Dr. P. R. Hamilton left last Sunday to attend the Medical Association at Houston. He will visit the city of Galveston before he returns the latter part of the week.

Capt. A. P. Bell and son, Frank, were in the city last Sunday.

The school now being taught by Frank Bell, closes to-morrow, and a nice program has been prepared for the night exercises. George Hardin will address the school by invitation.

Dud Rike, of McKinney, was over the first part of this week.

Sam Carver came in last Saturday night and remained over Sunday.

T. T. Newcomb [illegible] this week.

Mrs. Jim Huddleston has been on the sicklist for some time, but we learn that she is convalescent.

The crowd at the Santa Fe depot last Sunday morning was unusually large. Everybody anxious to get the latest war news.

Rev. Mr. Nichols, of Nevada preached quite an interesting sermon last Sunday night at the Methodist church to a large congregation. The meeting will continue all this week.

Dr. D. W. Odell, from Rogers, Ark., is in the city this week.

Prof. Steidley, the great Sunday School man lectured at the Cumberland Presbyterian church last Sunday and Sunday night.

W. M. Staats, of near Merit, was in the city last Monday.

Geo. Hardin addressed the students at the Farmersville college last Monday evening.

Everybody nearly, who have recently planted cotton have fine stands, and the cultivation will now commence rapidly.

Why not plant a large crop of late Irish potatoes. They may pay you better than you now think.

If District court holds on much longer, we think nearly everyone in this end of the county will get a chance to go before the grand jury.

Burt Lehman went to McKinney last Saturday and returned Monday evening.

Walter B. Wilson, of the McKinney Democrat, was in the city last week, from Galveston; where he has been a delegate to the Epworth League convention.

Sid Yeary was in McKinney last Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Drew of Corsicana, was in the city last week.

Farmersville was crowded last Saturday with people from a distance, trading with our merchants.

Geo. Hardy and Frank Vaughan went to McKinney last Friday. From there they visited the western part of the county.

J. R. Whorton was in the city last Saturday.

G. W. McCaley, of Blue Ridge, was in the city last Saturday. He says that during the storm last Thursday night the Baptist church at the Ridge was blown from its blocks about ten feet.

Dr. Wiley, of McKinney, has recently received a letter from Henry Wiley, his son, that he has been assigned to duty on the gun boat Maple, now at the Norfolk navy yard.

Misses Ida Crump and Ida Dee, who have been here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Peevey, accompanied by Rike Peevey, returned to Dallas last Sunday evening.

Miss Annie Crump, niece of Mrs. L. W. Peevey, and Miss Lizzie Campbell, of Dallas, visited the family of L. W. Peevey last Sunday returning the same day.

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TEXAS TROOPS CALLED.

Governor Culberson Calls Three Regiments of Infantry and One of Cavalry to Serve Two Years.

Gov. Culberson has issued the following call for troops which will be mobilized at Houston:

Whereas, war exists between the United States and the kingdom of Spain, the president of United States, by proclamation, dated April 23 1898, has called for volunteers and

Whereas, the quota of troops from this state under said proclamation, as communicated to me officially this day by the secretary of war, is three regiments of infantry and one regiment of cavalry; now, therefore.

I, Charles A. Culberson, governor of the state of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, and agreeable to said proclamation of the president, do hereby call for volunteers to the number of three regiments of infantry and one regiment of cavalry, United States army regulations, to serve for two years, unless sooner discharged. All volunteers must enlist unconditionally, and pursuant to the wish of the president, the volunteer guard of the state will be first accepted and used as far as their members will permit.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the state to be affixed at the city of Austin, this the 25th day of April, A. D. 1898.

C. A. CULBERSON.

By the governor:

J. W. MADDEN, secretary of state.

No War

Simply Excited...

OUR COMPETITORS WHO CLAIM TO BEAT OUR PRICES ARE VERY MUCH EXCITED AT THE PRICE WE ARE MAKING. OUR CUSTOMERS ARE SATISFIED AT THE

GROCERY BARGAINS...

We are offering.

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES IN BIG QUANTITIES, FRESH AND GO

At Smallest margin above actual cash purchase Cost.

VEGETABLES IN SEASON. FREE CITY DELIVERY.

Farmers bring us your produce. We Want Your Trade.

Joe Crouch,

THE McKINNEY CASH GROCER.

Prevention
better than cure. Tutt's Liver Pills will not only cure, but if taken in time will prevent
Sick Headache,
dyspepsia, biliousness, malaria, constipation, jaundice, torpid liver and kindred diseases.
TUTT'S Liver PILLS
ABSOLUTELY CURE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Subject to the democratic primaries.

For Local Representative
TOM W. PERKINS
JOHN R. SMITH.

For District Judge
J E DILLARD

For County Judge
J. H. FAULKNER
F. E. WILCOX
J. L. DOGGETT
D. P. JOHNSON

For County Attorney
GEORGE HARDIN
H. L. DAVIS

Eor County Clerk
PAT MOULDEN
W. M. SHIRLEY
J. A. WALDEN

For Sheriff
J. W. PAFFORD
W S COFFEY

For Tax Collector
YANCY POWELL
A W KNIGHTON

For County Superintendent of schools
W. W. SHEPHERD

For County Surveyor
ED H KEEN

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1
SAM H FOX

For Justice of the Peace Precinct 1.
W. L. YARBROUGH
J. T. ANDREWS.

LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

John W. Stimson of Nevada was here Saturday.

For county maps call on J. H. Jenkins.

Superior quality groceries at Goostree & Houston's.

Live and let live is the Nickle Store's motto. How do you like it?

Another new odor, California Wild Rose, at Smith Bros.

Mrs. W. B. Morgan and children are visiting in Greenville.

Childrens toys, trinkets useful and ornamental at the Nickel Store.

Window glass all sizes, at City Drug Store.

Queensware and all other kinds of table wares at J. T Nale's.

The Nickle Store is mighty hard to head off when it comes to pleasing customers with both price and quality.

Foster Winn and Miss Kate Lewis of the Hegecoxe community were married last week.

Lamps at J. T. Nale's, very cheap.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

Floor matting at J. T. Nale's.

Burt Lehman of the Farmersville Sentinel spent Sunday and Monday at the county capital.

We are now selling the sweet perfume, made in California by Reiger, Smith Bros.

Don't fail to see the pretty goldfish at the Nickle Store when in McKinney.

Pure whiskies, wines and brandies for medicinal use, at City Drug Store.

Window Shades at J. T. Nale's, cheap, one door east of postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Talkington of Bloomdale spent Sunday with relatives in McKinney.

During these times of war and rumors of war don't forget the Nickle Store, next door to postoffice.

WALL PAPER, WALL PAPER. All the new patterns from 5c a roll up, at City Drug Store.

Miss Addie Rector of Rector, Texas, is visiting McKinney relatives.

Karl's Clover Root Tea, for Constipation it's the Best and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Volunteers Wanted!

at the Nickel Store tocarry off purchases for loved ones at home. Prices are lowest.

We want a portion of your spring trade anyway. Our groceries will make you strong, happy and prosperous Goostree & Houston.

Our chicken mite destroyer we guarantee to kill mites. We refund the money if it does not. Smith Bros.

For Constipation take Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great Blood Purifier. Cures Headache, Nervousness, Eruptions on the face, and makes the head clear as a bell. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Miss Mamie Craft of Mineral Wells is visiting in McKinney.

Handsome art studies free with each 50c bottle of California perfumes. Smith Bros.

Are You Weak?

Weakness manifests itself in the loss of ambition and aching bones. The blood is watery; the tissues are wasting—the door is being opened for disease. A bottle of Browns' Iron Bitters taken in time will restore your strength, soothe your nerves, make your blood rich and red. Do you more good than a special course of medicine. For sale by all dealers.

Santa Barbara Heliotrope, all the sweetness of Heliotrope in this famous perfume, at Smith Bros.

Car load Collier's strictly pure white lead just received and for sale cheap at Wilcox & Son's Lumber Yard.

FOR RENT—Good McKinney wagon yard, block No. 20 adjacent to the public square. Will lease for year on easy terms. Apply to JENKINS & PEARSON

50 different brands cough medicine. All the reliable kinds, at City Drug Store.

Constable E. L. Williams of Blue Ridge was in town Saturday. Mr Williams is the populist nominee for reelection.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure cures where others fail. It is the leading Cough Cure, and no home should be without it. Pleasant to take and goes right to the spot. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

McKinney is the best town in the best county in the best state of the best nation of the world and Goostree & Houston is its leading grocery firm.

When you want a complete housekeeping outfit, save money by going to J. T. Nale's one door east of post office

A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

Awarded
Highest Honors, World's Fair
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

John T. Rogers of McKinney is critically ill at Rockhill where he was taken while on a visit to his son, I. N. Rogers. He was first stricken with fever and later partial paralysis.

Los Angeles Blossoms, true to nature at Smith Bros.

Don't make a grocery bill elsewhere until you visit Goostree & Houston's, they have an immense stock, fresh goods and at lowest prices possible for high grade goods.

Catarrh Cured. A clear head and sweet breath secured with Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy; sold on a guarantee. Nasal injector free. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

W. A. Shelton was in McKinney this week.

Largest stock paints, oils, varnishes, window glass, brushes and wall paper at very low prices. City Drug Store.

Klondyke Snow, a new ice we will serve in a few weeks. Smith Bros.

Uncle Ed Bowen is up again after a four days' absence on account of sickness.

International Stock Food, 3 feeds for one cent, for horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. Every package waranteed, at City Drug Store.

J. B. Rhoden is one of McKinney's progressive merchants. After a six years' business career in the town his trade assumed such proportions as to necessitate the enlargement of his store room for "more groceries." He has also fitted up a nobby office.

Be sure you are right, then go ahead. Be sure you get Hood's Sarsaparilla, and not some cheap and worthless substitute.

Try our new perfume, California Wild Flowers. Smith Bros.

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case with myself or children. W. A. STROUD, Popomoke City, Md. For sale by City Drug Store.

At a depth of 909 feet Saturday a small stream of water was struck in the artesian well. The contractor is confident of an abundant flow at or before reaching 1200 feet, the depth contracted for.

WHEN TRAVELING.

Whether on pleasure bent or business, take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectually on the kidneys, liver, and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches, and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50c bottles by all leading druggists.

M'KINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

Cotton	4 50 to 5.70
Wheat per bus	95 to $1.00
Corn per bus	34to 40cts.
Oats per bus	30 cts
Hay baled per ton	$6.00 to $6 50
Hay in bay per ton	$5.50 to $6.50.
Flour per cwt	$2.40 to $2.75.
Cotton seed per ton	$8.00.
Baled Oats per ton	$5.00.
Meal per bus	45 to 50cts.
Straw per ton	$4.00 $4.50
Chops per cwt	75cts.
Bran per cwt	75 to 80cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 12½cts.
Eggs per doz	7 1-2 to 10cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2 50 to $3.00.
Hogs per cwt	$3.25 to $3.50.
Beef on foot per cwt	$2.75 to $3.25.
Beef dressed per lb	5 to 6cts.
Dressed pork per lb	4½ to 4¾cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.75 to 2.25.
Irish Potatoes, per bu	$1.00.
Sweet Potatoes, per bu	50 to 75cts.

Cheatham's Chill Tonic is peculiarly adapted to persons in enfeebled health and invalids. It assists digestion and is a perfect strengthener and appetizer. Satisfaction or money refunded. Put up in both tasteless and bitter styles. 50-cent size.

Shasta Lily, a new perfume from California. At Smith Bros.

"A word to the wise is sufficient" and a word from the wise should be sufficient, but you ask, who are the wise? Those who know. The oft repeated experience of trustworthy persons may be taken for knowledge. Mr. W. M. Terry says Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives better satisfaction than any other in the market. He has been in the drug business at Elkton, Ky., for twelve years; has sold hundreds of bottles of this remedy and nearly all other cough medicines manufactured, which shows conclusively that Chamberlain's is the most satisfactory to the people, and is the best. For sale by City Drug Store.

Steve Hobbins and family of Culleoka are visiting in the city.

Rheumatism Cured.

My wife has used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with great relief, and I can recommend it as a splendid liniment for rheumatism and other household use for which we have found it valuable.—W. J. CUYLER, Red Creek, N. Y.

Mr. Cuyler is one of the leading merchants of this village and one of the most prominent men in this vicinity.—W. G. PHIPPIN, Editor Red Creek Herald. For sale by City Drug Store.

Doc Orenduff came in from Whitewright Tuesday and will several days with friends.

WHAT IS YOUR FORTUNE

A woman's hand tells the tale! If it is smooth and white it shows she uses her head to save her hands—that she uses

GOLD DUST WASHING POWDER

to do her cleaning. If her hand is rough, wrinkled and shrunken, it shows she is still using the old soap and soda combination. Why don't you use Gold Dust Washing Powder? Largest package—greatest economy.

THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY,
Chicago. St. Louis. New York.
Boston. Philadelphia.

There is more Catarrah in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local remedies, treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surface of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address,
F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggist, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Richardson & Hinman.

If in your good paper
We can have a little space,
We will write a little; but
We hope not out of place.

Come see us, good people,
When troubled with your hair.
We trim it up to please you;
Long, short, round or square.

Come try our choicest sea foam,
And finest dry shampoo;
We use the finest razors
And the sweetest lathers too.

In everything pertaining
To the barbers line
We are up to date,
And simply superfine.

And though we are so clever,
Our charges are so small,
As those of other artists
Who take the skin and all.

—Ed & Will at the Foote House Barber Shop, McKinney, Texas.

WHAT Dr. A. E. SALTER SAYS:

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Gents:—From my personal knowledge, gained in observing the effect of your Shiloh's Cure in cases of advanced consumption, I am prepared to say is the most remarkable Remedy that has ever been brought to my attention. It has certainly saved many from Consumption. Sold by Smith Bros.

Hon. J. R. Gough of McKinney, candidate for lieutenant governor, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Gough went home last night. It is rumored that he will raise a regiment and go to Cuba himself to help whip the Spaniards.—Dallas News.

T. C. Andrews was here Tuesday. He closed his school at Desert Friday. The final closing exercises were given Monday night.

NOTICE MASONS.

St. John's Lodge, No. 55, will hold its regular meeting Saturday night and will work the master degree. All members are requested to be present.

The school at Ash Grove, taught by Prof. W. L. Page, closed a successful term last Friday. Mr. Gus Wilson, a valued friend of the school, presented the teacher with $40.00 in cash and donated a fine organ to the school. Such philanthropy is more than commendable.

Skin Diseases.

For the speedy and permanent cure of tetter, salt rheum and eczema, Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment is without an equal. It relieves the itching and smarting almost instantly and its continued use effects a permanent cure. It also cures itch, barber's itch, scald head, sore nipples, itching piles, chapped hands, chronic sore eyes and granulated lids.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders for horses are the best tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. Price, 25 cents. Sold by City Drug Store.

Mrs. Nellie Pierce and little daughter, Grace, have returned from a week's visit to Mrs. Dr. Webster, at San Antonio.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Collin had many representatives in Galveston last week attending the state Epworth League conference and sight-seeing. Among them we notice besides the McKinney delegation the following from Plano: Mrs. J. E. Walls, Misses Fannie May Bowman, Myrtle Overaker, Lizzie Chandler, Henry Bowman. Wylie: Mr and Mrs. Tom Brown, Mrs J. H. Burns, Miss Jennie Burns, Misses Ella McCulloch, Sallie Brooke, Roxie Taylor, Dr. Baldridge, Ed Neilon, Robt. Jackson, Robt. Housewright. Allen: J. L. Brown, Miss Florence Butler. Climax: J. B. Osborn and T. E. Johnson. Princeton: Dr. T. G. Boarman. Farmersville: Dr. Hancock.

Shake Into Your Shoes.

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painfull, swollen, smarting feet and bunions. It's the great comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to day. Sold by all druggist and shoe stores. By mail for 25c. in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Dud Rike left yesterday for Galveston. He will endeavor to enter the United States Navy that part of it now in Cuban waters.

Hunt's Cure.

Cures Catarrh, Neuralgia, Sprains, Cramp Colic, Diarrhoea, Cuts, Headache, Rheumatism. Good for man and beast. Failing, money refunded.

M. E. Howerton of Van Alstyne and Jack Warden of Johnson were here yesterday. Mr. Howerton is now in charge of a livery business in his town which Frank Roberts of Melissa recently bought.

J. C. Wylie, the hustling implement man of Greenville, was in the city yesterday.

"You Who are in Need"

Of goods for the spring and want new and Bright Styles and low prices should call and examine my stock.

MY WORD IS MY BOND.

And all goods advertised will be found just as represented. My prices are made to suit all classes and consistent with the times.

A standard line of Prints at.....3c½
36-inch Bleaching, fair grade,.....4½c
Merrimack and Mullhouse Percales.....6½c
All Organdies, Swisses and Dimities worth 12½ to 15c....9c
Ladies Dongola Button Shoes worth $1.25.....90c
Ladies Dongola Button and Lace Shoes worth 150 .....$1.15
Ladies Dongola and Tan Oxfords and Sandals $1.25 to 1.50.....90c
Ladies Dongola and Tan Oxfords and Sandals $1.50 to 1.75.....1.15
Men's Solid Leather Sunday Shoes worth 1.25....95c
Men's Negligee Shirts Laundered Collars and Cuffs worth 50c.....30
Men's Negligee Shirts Laundered Collars and Cuffs worth 75c.....45

In fact I can save you from 25c to 40c on every dollar's worth of goods you buy. A word to the wise is suffcient.

Yours Truly

Louis I. Dreeben.

West Side Square, Next to Bush Book Store. McKinney, Texas.

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Sell Everything in DRUG Line

And Guarantee Price and Quality.

Respectfully,

C. C. Provine.

California Lilac at Smith Bros.

Well Satisfied.

With 1897 we have made a grand change for the better for 1898. We carry up-to-date picture moulding, best grade farmes, queenesware tinware best medium line furniture, cook-stoves & heaters.

Asbury & Nelson.

Farm for Sale.

A splendid small farm for sale, 62 acres, 45 in cultivation, five miles northwest of McKinney. A bargain. Apply to, WM. HORN, Vineland, Tex.

Best paint on earth, covers more and wears longest, looks best, full measure S. W. B. guaranteed, at City Drug Store.

SPECIAL SALE

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We Want to Remind You Just Here That The Sales are Not to make Money.

on directly, but an indirect way. To illustrate our views on this we mention the fact to you that these bargain or special sale days bring people into a store under other circumstances that would never come; with this intention then we shall on Thursday and Friday, the 28th and 29th of this month give you the benefit of one of the most valuable special sales offered to the people of McKinney and Collin county. We guarante to make you, at the lowest calculation the nice sum of from

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They give the discount as represented and the buyers have saved something,

And at the same time the merchant accomplishes his purpose, not that he has made a profit on the sale but brings himself and business in contact with the people, becomes acquainted and possibly, if he has dealt honestly, gain a new customer, so you realize that these are a mutual benefit. We therefore request every reader of this paper to call on us, especially 28th and 29th. We shall do the right thing and you will not be disappointed for we have a splendid stock of

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London, April 19.—The afternoon newspapers here to-day unanimously express the opinion that if President McKinley signs the resoultion of congress it will preclude the possibility of peace. The papers also think it probable that when the demands of the United States are transmitted to Spain the latter will regard them as an act of war, without waiting for further action upon the part of the United States.

THE NEW WAY.

WOMEN used to think "female diseases" could only be treated after "local examinations" by physicians. Dread of such treatment kept thousands of modest women silent about their suffering. The introduction of Wine of Cardui has now demonstrated that nine-tenths of all the cases of menstrual disorders do not require a physician's attention at all. The simple, pure

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World Wide Notoriety

President Francis Emerson of the McKinney First National Bank gained a great deal of unlooked for notoriety by his liberal $1000 offer to President McKinley for national defences March 10. All the great dailies of our country and the world at large has republished the offer. Letters of various characters and contents have come to Mr. Emerson from everywhere, he has received complimentary a certificate of membership in the Bankers' Club of New York City and the Cuban Junta have not been unmindful of him. One of the most amusing epistles has just recently been received from a lady in Belfast, Ireland. She wrote elaborately to substantiate her claims to relationship with the famous old McKinney banker. Inclosed with the letter was a newspaper clipping from the "Lurgan Times" of April 2, a paper published in Lurgan, Ireland, where Mr. Emerson was born. We print only the comment which precedes Mr. Emerson's proposition to President McKinley. Lurgan may be an older town than McKinney but no reference in its pygmy sheet to our city as "a little-out-of-the-way corner of Texas—a town named McKinney" is the acme of gall and ignorance. No wonder Francis Emerson goes early in life to other parts. We

"There cannot be a shadow of doubt that the war feeling this [illegible] the United States is fast approaching to an acute state. We have ample evidence of this from our American exchanges and private correspondents. How it will ultimately affect our staple trade cannot yet be determined, but a feeling of unrest and uncertainty cannot well make for good business. The latest development of what is termed "The patriotic war craze" is a proposal to raise a special war fund from 100,000 subscribers of $1000 each on certain conditions. In a paper published in a little out-of-the way corner of Texas—a town named McKinney—we find the name of one whom we recognize as an old Lurgan man, ninety years of age, if a day, and the most peaceable of old gentlemen, offering President McKinley his 1000 dollar loan."

War Is Inevitable

Madrid, Apr. 19.—The general belief here is that the joint resolution of congress makes war between the United States and Spain inevitable.

Ed Flannery and family, who removed to the coast country about a year ago, have returned to old Collin, near Weston.

MOTHER! There is no word so full of meaning and about which such tender and holy recollections cluster as that of "MOTHER"—she who watched over our helpless infancy and guided our first tottering step. Yet the life of every Expectant Mother is beset with danger and all effort should be made to avoid it.

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MUDSILLERS AND THE WAR.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs Will Go to Front with Crane and Others.

The chief of mudsillers, Hon. Barnett Gibbs, said yesterday:

"Now that war has been declared the whys and wherefores should no longer be discussed by any American citizen. A patriotic citizen will stand by his flag, right or wrong. We are sneered at as a nation of shopkeepers and farmers, but when we are through with this war the world will know then when we go out after blood we make a business of it. We will make them think that every shop was a powder magazine and every farm a place for target practice. We should make this war so bloody that the world hereafter will want to let the shopkeepers and farmers alone.

"It may be a short and bloody war, or it may be a long and bloody one, but when it is over the stars and strips will wave over Moro castle side by side with the Cuban flag, and it may wave over the bull pens of Madrid. Out of this war no troops will come with greater reputation than those of Texas, for the Texas troops from the Alamo to Gettysburg in every war have faced the enemy without flinching. From the ranches and farms of Texas 5000 men can be organized to report on the island of Cuba in thirty days and not one of them will need one hour's practice to get his man three shots out of four. There is not a state in the union that can furnish as effective troops on as short notice. They can shoot closer and stand more exposure than the average militiaman although no braver. There is but one way out of this trouble and that is by killing more men in less time than the Spaniards, and the quicker we get at it the less there will be to do. If there has been a mistake made in bringing on the war we can settle that after it is over, and leave those at home to look after the peacock feathers and yellow jackets of the young politician who is afraid of his own war.

"Those Spaniards, swearing on the altar of the virgin to win or die, are not bluffing and we had as well make up our minds that there will be a hot old time on the island of Cuba and on the high seas. The governor of Texas should be allowed to furnish as many volunteers as can be gotten ready in thirty days, so that the army in Cuba can be licked before the summer gets too hot. We will not talk politics in the army, so I have areed to go in a regiment with Crane, Hogg and Bailey and the other young democratic leaders. We will all flirt with the pretty Cuban girls and die for our country just the same whether democrats or populists, and we are going to let a goldbug or two in the company. The democrats in Texas are not willing for the populists to have any pie, but may be willing to divide some of this blood pudding. While Crane, Hogg, Bailey and myself are in Cuba I hope the old folks at home will look after the Texas relief railroad, the Texas maritime college and the referendum vote. We want a referendum vote on the next war and the next bond issue. I hope the young county politicians who don't go out with Jim and myself will be forced out in the next regiment and not be allowed to fix primaries while we are dying for our country. There are a lot of democrats that can't get in the primaries under the extraordinary test, but in Cuba they will be strictly in it.

"Everybody who goes to war won't be killed and those who come back will be pensioned or given pie and be smiled at by the women. War is not a bad thing for the fellow who gets out of it alive, and if he dies it is so quick that he never has time to worry over his sins, and he goes along with so many that St. Peter don't have time to ask so many questions and then he is not so particular about soldiers who die for their own or somebody else's country. If you stay at home you have got to pay taxes on your coffee, beer, tobacco and bank checks, but in the army you get out of all this and get your victuals and clothes free. Those that get in quick will be sent to Cuba, where there will be fighting and fun. If you are slow about it you will only get on the coast of the United States where you will have mosquitoes to fight and no excitement. Texas ought to be at the first killing."

Whose Fault Is It?

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, Dallas Texas:

Dear Sir—In your letters of recent date, which I find in the Southern Mercury, I can see, with a glance, that you are advocating a vital and vastly important reform—that of a State railroad. I realize that you are a Texan, for Texas, and while you are so ably advocating this all-important question, I, as a true friend of reform, ask you to investigate, and, if you feel it your duty, to come to our assistance on another question. It is a question which, if advocated by you, and men like you, I believe, will bring aid to our party from the school teachers of Texas, and that question is this: "What plan can we fall on to save the teachers of having to sell their checks at such a heavy discount?" It seems to me, though I am not posted, that if we had to change the constitution, that it would be far better to arrange for the County Treasurers to buy the checks, with the permanent school fund of the counties, at a discount, and allow this discount to be placed to the credit of the school fund, than for the bankers to pocket it. For instance, here in Cass county, with $10,000 idle in her safe, why not invest that in the teachers' vouchers, and save that per cent for the state? I ask you to look into this matter, and, if it is worthy your attention, let us hear from you through the Mercury, and at least give me your views in a personal letter. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain a true reformer.

F. C. HARKEY,
Brayan's Mill, Tex.

Dallas, Tex., Apr. 7.—F. C. Harkley, Bryan's Mill, Tex.: Dear Sir—Your letter received. It is economically wrong and there is no necessity for the discount of teachers' certificates, any more than there is for the present high freight rate in Texas. We have large cash funds in the vaults of the State and counties a great deal of which is being used by bankers, without interest, as it is not all in the vaults. These same bankers are discounting State and county warrants. Our politicans are all absorbed with foreign affairs and national politics, and are too busy to consider State or county affairs. There will be no relief until our schoolhouses develop statesmanship that will condescend to consider State and county affairs. Such statesmanship will not be developed as long as [illegible] on political honors on buncombe war speeches, or buncombe speeches on the condition of national affairs. When the people press these [illegible] such questions, such conditions as you complain of will not continue, as they are not the result of money, but of political neglect and bad management. Our candidates for State, county and precinct officers are running on national and international issues, while the affairs and management of things directly affecting the people are wholly ignored. Yours truly,

BARNETT GIBBS.

A drummer had a few hours to wait in Plano one day recently, and decided to have some fun. He sent out word to the negroes around town that a keg of free beer would be opened, and of course the boys all came in. After he got them together, he told them that he was a recruiting officer from Galveston, and began to enlist the boys, taking their measurements, ages, etc., preparatory to starting for Tampa, Fla., where they would embark for Cuba to fight the Spaniards. They were very much wrought up over the matter, and the incident was very amusing to the people who witnessed it. "Old George" tried to play off 60 years of age, and kept his hat off the entire time, so that his gray hairs would emphasize his plea.—Plano Courier.

An Uncertain Disease.

There is no disease more uncertain in its nature than dyspepsia. Physicians say that the symptoms of no two cases agree. It is therefore most difficult to make a correct diagnosis. No matter under what disguise dyspepsia attacks you, Browns' Iron Bitters will cure it. Invaluable in all diseases of the stomach, blood and nerves. For sale by all dealers.

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Knights of Pythias Ready.

Portsmouth, O., Apr. 19.—The tenth regiment, uniformed rank Knights of Pythias, 500 strong, has offered its services to Gov. Bushnell.

General Weyler, the brutal Spanish governor general, was suspended by the neck in effigy in M. Aron & Co.'s show window Friday and Saturday.

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Good News From North Carolina, Senator Butler Meets His Waterloo.

As a member of the State Executive Committee of the Peoples party, I attended the meeting held in Raleigh, N. C., on the 5th of April. As an original anti-fusionist who has fought fusion since it was inaugurated in this state by Senator Butler, in 1894, and for a long time single-handed and alone, I was made happy by what was done and what I learned. Senator Butler was present, accompanied by three Congressmen, to aid us with his advice, but his advice was entirely unheeded. His especial object was to have the committee call a meeting of the state convention on the 25th of May, the day already appointed for the meeting of the Democratic State Convention, in order that there might be an unlimited opportunity for dickering and trading, but the committee by a vote of 16 to 4, named the 17th of May instead. This puts the meeting of our convention nine days in advance of the Democratic convention. One of his friends in the committee, while Senator Butler was present, proposed that the committee endorse the addresses on co-operation issued by the national chairmen, but it met with no second and with such prompt opposition that it was withdrawn. I have noticed for some time the growing dissatisfaction of the rank and file of our party in our state with the wretched condition of our party in this state growing out of the fusion or the steadily increasing determination to get back to the middle of the road, and the growth of that sentiment is rapidly increasing now. I will not undertake to predict what the state convention will do, but it certainly will not hastily enter into entangling alliances with any party. Populism has been sleeping, it is not dead, and North Carolina will be redeemed.

GEO. E. BOGGS
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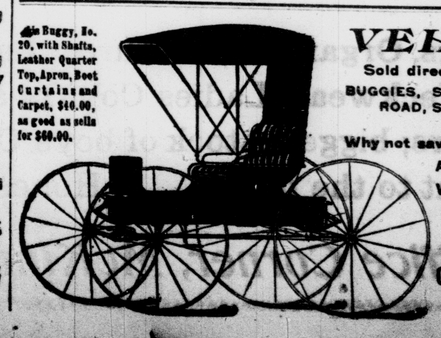

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